

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method is described for the surface treatment of metals to improve the strength, flexibility and fatigue life of the metal, which in a preferred embodiment includes the steps of thoroughly cleaning and drying the metal surface, etching the surface of the metal to remove sharp apexes and ends of cracks in the metal surface, water rinsing and drying the metal surface, and coating the surface with a low water miscible, water displacing, low surface tension corrosion preventive compound.

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